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Dear Examiner Maples:

Enclosed please find proposed claim amendments for discussion during our interview on Tuesday, July 17 at 10:00am.

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**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Appl. No.: 09/251,149

Group Art Unit: 1/45

Confirmation No.: Not Assigned

Examiner: J. Maples

Filed: February 17, 1999

For: CURRENT COLLECTION THROUGH THE ENDS  
OF A SPIRALLY WOUND ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL

**PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20211

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

26. (Three Times Amended) A method of making an electrochemical cell comprising the steps of:  
providing an electrode stack [which includes a] including alternately arranged first and second electrodes, the first electrode extending from one end of the stack, [a] the second electrode extending from an opposite end of the stack, and a longitudinal axis between [said] the ends of the stack;

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forming a tab connection portion by folding at least one section of successive windings of the first electrode to form a radially extending folded portion, wherein a portion of successive windings adjacent to the radially extending folded portion in a circumferential direction remain unfolded so as to define an unfolded portion [so that it extends in a direction at an angle to the longitudinal axis to form a tab connection portion, such that said tab connection portion does not extend over substantially the entire surface portion of one end of said stack].

38. (Three Times Amended) A method of making an electrochemical cell comprising the steps of:

providing an electrode stack [which includes a] including alternately arranged first and second electrodes, the [a] first electrode having a first end[,] and a second electrode [and a periphery];

forming a tab connection portion by folding at least one section of successive windings of the first electrode to form a radially extending folded portion, wherein a portion of successive windings adjacent to the radially extending folded portion in a circumferential direction remain unfolded so as to define an unfolded portion [to form a tab connection portion that does not extend around substantially the entire surface portion of the periphery of said stack].